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Title: ALTERNATIVE SUBSTRATES )  
AND FORMATS FOR BEAD- )  
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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed on February 6, 2003 for the above identified U.S. Patent application. This response is accompanied by a petition for a three month and the requisite fee on or before August 6, 2003 making this a timely response. However the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our order No. A-68950-1/RMS/DCF/KJC [469249-117]).